

D.T.E. 03-47-B (Phase II)

Petition of Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Boston Edison Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric, and NSTAR Gas Company, for approval of tariffs to provide recovery for costs associated with their obligations to provide employees pension benefits and post-retirement benefits other than pensions.

Boston Edison Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and NSTAR Gas Company (collectively, "Companies") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") (1) compliance tariffs to establish for each company a pension and post-retirement benefits other than pensions ("PBOP") adjustment mechanism consistent with Boston Edison Company/Commonwealth Electric Company/Cambridge Electric Light Company/ NSTAR Gas Company, D.T.E. 03-47-A (2003), and (2) the Companies' first annual pension and PBOP adjustment for effect January 1, 2004. The Department allowed the Companies' tariffs and rate changes, subject to further review.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive additional comments on the Companies' filing at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 on **Friday, October 22, 2004, at 2:00 p.m.** Any person wishing to submit comments may do so at this time or submit written comments not later than **10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 20, 2004**. The Department plans to hold a procedural conference immediately following the conclusion of the public hearing.

Any persons wishing to submit written comments or pleadings should file as follows: an original with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Telecommunications and Energy - One South Station - 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; two (2) copies with the assigned Hearing Officer (Caroline M. Bulger); and four (4) copies with the Director of Rates and Revenue Requirements Division (Kevin Brannelly). One copy of all written comments or pleadings should also be sent to the Companies' attorney, Robert Werlin, Esq., Keegan, Werlin & Pabian, 21 Custom House, Boston, Massachusetts at 617-951-1400.

All written comments or pleadings also must be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to

dte.efiling@state.ma.us, and caroline.bulger@state.ma.us; or (2) on a 3.5" floppy diskette, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the diskette label must specify: (1) an easily identifiable case caption; (2) docket number (D.T.E. 03-47-B (Phase II)); (3) name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (4) a brief descriptive title or document (e.g., comments). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be written in either Word Perfect (naming the document with a ".wpd" suffix) or in Microsoft Word, (naming the document with a ".doc" suffix). Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

A copy of the Companies' filing is on file at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 for public view during business hours. Copies of the filing are also on file for public view at Keegan, Werlin & Pabian, 21 Custom House, Boston, Massachusetts. Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filing should contact Robert Werlin, Esq., at 617-951-1400.

ORDER OF NOTICE

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Commonwealth Electric Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Boston Edison Company, and NSTAR Gas Company (collectively "Companies") are required to publish the attached legal notice in either the Boston Globe or the Boston Herald, and in the Cape Cod Times, once at least fourteen (14) days prior to **October 22, 2004**.

The Companies are required to give notice of this proceeding to the Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen, Town Clerks, Mayors, and City Clerks of the attached list, and to the D.T.E. 03-47-A service list. The Companies are required also to make return of service and publication at the time of the first public hearing.

By Order of the Department

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary